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IT'S OFFICIAL: GARAMENDI QUILTS SENATE JOB.

It's now FORMER State Sen. John Garamendi (D-Stockton). The Demo candidate for Insurance Commissioner handed in his resignation Sept. 4. Sources believe the governor will call a SPECIAL ELECTION to coincide with the Nov. 6th general election. Garamendi's resignation gives a big boost to his wife, Patti, who has already announced her intention to run for her husband's 5th S.D. job. Mrs. Garamendi's main rival will be Demo Assemblyman Patrick Johnston of Stockton, who used to be John Garamendi's AA when the former lawmaker was in the Assembly. The resignation scenario means that Johnston's name will appear twice on the ballot: once in the 26th A.D. against GOP rival Bradley Keaster and again in the special for the 5th S.D. Johnston has hired Sacto consultant Richard Ross. As for explaining to voters why he's running for two offices at the same time, Ross says Johnston will tell it like it is — The Garamendis are pulling a fast one in an attempt to give Patti a significant advantage over any other potential rivals for the 5th S.D. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: COMPARING THE POLLING DATA.

Editor's note: Both the L.A. Times and the at Calif. Poll are out with their August results. Here's a SIDE-BY-SIDE comparison of polling data for the Statewide candidates. The L.A. Times, 1,586 sample size, early to mid August. The Calif. Poll, 897 sample size, mid to late August. For simplicity, we'll use only last names with party affiliation:

	<u>L.A. Times</u>	<u>CA Poll</u>
GOVERNOR		
Feinstein(D)	39%	42%
Wilson(R)	39%	45%
Other/undecided	22%	13%

LT. GOVERNOR

McCarthy(D-Inc.)	35%	45%
Bergeson(R)	17%	25%
Other/undec.	48%	30%

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lungren(R)	25%	28%
Smith(D)	25%	24%
Other/undec.	50%	48%

CONTROLLER

Davis(D-Inc.)	44%	46%
Fong(R)	15%	24%
Other/undec.	41%	30%

SECRETARY OF STATE

Eu(D-Inc.)	48%	52%
Flores(R)	13%	17%
Other/undec.	39%	31%

TREASURER

Hayes(R-Inc.)	24%	28%
Brown(D)	23%	34%
Other/undec.	53%	38%

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Bannister(R)	16%	19%
Garamendi(D)	33%	38%
Other/undec.	51%	43%

IS GOP TREAS. HAYES PRO-CHOICE OR PRO-LIFE?

Several weeks ago CALPEEK ran a story about the campaign between GOP incumbent State Treasurer Tom Hayes and Demo challenger Kathleen Brown. CALPEEK, as well as other CALPEEK sources, had been told very early on by the Hayes campaign that the candidate was against abortion and was PRO-LIFE. We stated he was PRO-LIFE in our story of Aug. 20. It was the first time CALPEEK mentioned this fact...

...According to the Hayes campaign, this is NOT correct. Hayes is OPPOSED to abortion, but states, "I do not favor legislation or

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constitutional amendments to make abortions illegal and limit the rights of women in this most personal and private question." That's PRO-CHOICE language...

...So if Hayes has been PRO-CHOICE all the time, how come it didn't surface as a key issue in the bitter GOP primary with conservative Bay Buchanan? Buchanan consultant Scott Hart says they knew about Hayes' stance about halfway through the primary but only used it against Hayes in a very limited way with conservatives...

...The Buchanan campaign decided not to go public with choice as an issue because they were fearful the tactic might backfire on Buchanan, who is solid PRO-LIFE. It was also an issue that Hayes didn't want to discuss in GOP primary, and doesn't want to talk about now. His campaign says it is a non-issue in this race...

...So why get the word out now? Hayes is being pounded by Brown and the CA Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) for being PRO-LIFE and the campaign felt it needed to respond. But a CARAL source says they are NOT buying that response and believes the Hayes campaign is trying to have things both ways. Wonder if conservative, PRO-LIFE Assemblyman Bill Baker of Danville would have endorsed Hayes in the primary if he had known that the incumbent treasurer was PRO-CHOICE? Finally, if Hayes is PRO-CHOICE, was he aware that during the primary some of his campaign people were saying he was PRO-LIFE??? Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: CAN KNOWLES BEAT WATERS?

Editor's note: This week CALPEEK begins its expanded coverage of CA Legislative campaigns. Here's CALPEEK first report and analysis of the 7th A.D. contest...

- 7th A.D. - This is the 7-county northern Calif. district of Demo Assemblyman Norm Waters, who was first elected in 1976. His GOP challenger is David Knowles, who came within 1,400 votes of pulling a major upset in 1988. He's back again for another shot in a district that the GOP Assembly Caucus has TARGETED...

...Why was the race so close in 1988? One source believes the polling didn't reflect the Knowles surge until the last few weeks, while others say it was because Knowles was

a fresh face and just pounded away. Others say it was the influx of new GOP voters. Others say it was ALL OF THE ABOVE...

...So what's different this time? For one thing, Knowles won't have the assistance of savvy GOP consultant Ray McNally. Second, Prop. 73 campaign contribution restrictions have had a negative impact on most challengers, including Knowles. And, while the district is perhaps more conservative in some respects, polling data shows that Knowles is perceived as being TOO CONSERVATIVE on several issues, including abortion...

...In addition, Waters campaign consultant Richard Ross tells CALPEEK that Knowles is now a known quantity and has a record on the Board of the Medical Quality Assurance. Will this be an issue? Bet the farm...

...Despite reports that Knowles is having a tough time with MONEY, the Waters' campaign will attempt to raise a \$750,000 war chest. The fear is that while Knowles may not be able to raise money on his own, INDEPENDENT expenditures could be significant...

...Bottomline: call it a PR stunt, but the folks in the district liked it when Stormin Norman did his sit in the Capitol during the budget stalemate. Waters should hold this seat for the Demos. Stay tuned...

BATTLE OVER WOMEN'S CHOICE SLATE SETTLED.

The political flap over the NAME of a proposed slate aimed at women voters has been peacefully settled. The CA Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) objected to the use of the name Women's Choice for a slate being put together by California Communicators of Malibu — for the obvious reason. In fact, whether a candidate was PRO or ANTI choice had nothing to do with qualification for this particular slate. So the NEW NAME is Calif. Women's Voter Guide. Much better, all parties satisfied. Stay tuned...

DANA DEPUTY MARY GRAY TO BATTLE GALANTER.

First term L.A. Councilwoman Ruth Galanter won't have a cake walk when she seeks re-election in next April's L.A. muni elections. Lined up against her is Mary Gray, a sr. deputy to L.A. Co. Sup. Deane Dana. Gray is a savvy insider who has the ability to raise a sizeable war chest...

DEMOS FIGHTING TERM LIMITATION MEASURES.

As of now, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-S.F.) is the POINT MAN in the battle to defeat two November ballot measures which would limit the number of terms that State constitutional officers and legislators could serve. The measures are Props. #131 and #140. Of the two, #140 is the more restrictive and damaging to the legislature (depending on your point of view)...

...On Sept. 13, Speaker Brown will hold his major \$1,000 per person dinner at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in L.A., with U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan) as keynote speaker. Funds from the event will be used for the NO on 131/140 campaign. CALPEEK sources confirm that Berman & D'Agostino Campaigns will run the NO on 131/140 effort, handling slates and media...

...The YES side of Prop. 140 is being managed by a team of consultants headed by Bob Gouty and Mike Lewis, with media relations being handled by Roger Scott. The YES on 140 campaign, which was qualified by L.A. Co. Sup. Pete Schabarum, has some polling numbers by Moore Information Services of Portland, OR, which show Prop. 140 in good shape. On a push question, 72% FAVOR a YES vote on #140...

...In the L.A. Times recent poll, voters favored #140 by a 52% to 27% margin, with 21% undecided. Prop. #131 has a 47% YES to 34% NO, with 19% undecided. One reason why #131 is not as popular may be because it contains a PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTIONS clause. Stay tuned...

SHERIFF DUFFY CASTS LONG SHADOW IN CONTEST TO BECOME SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S NEW SHERIFF.

After 20 years on the job, San Diego County Sheriff John Duffy decided not to seek a 6th term. Some say he was hounded out of running by an unfriendly news media. Whatever the case, this once popular sheriff is casting a very long shadow in the current contest between Asst. Sheriff Jack Drown and Sheriff's Capt. Jim Roache, who also is on the San Diego School Board...

...With fewer funds than some of the others in a crowded primary field, Roache surprised many with his first place finish. Some thought Drown would get that honor, or perhaps Escondido Police Chief Vince Jimno. Roache got 32% to 28% for Drown...

...Although the summer campaigning has been fairly low keyed so far, insiders expect this situation to change. Drown has a new campaign team of Jean Andrews & Rick Taylor who hope to turn things around. The critical goal is to distance Drown from the now unpopular Duffy. CALPEEK sources believe this is the KEY to the whole campaign. However this may be difficult, if not impossible, as voters now perceive Drown as Duffy's hand-picked successor. And in politics, it's perception that counts...

...If Andrews & Taylor are successful in separating Drown from Duffy, the next step is to hit Roache with a good issue. Again, that may prove difficult. Roache was a leader in pushing for a citizens' review board (Drown is for it too). However, Roache is also the NRA's candidate. Is that bad or good in conservative San Diego County? We'll have to wait and see...

...Bottomline: Drown has about 99% of law enforcement in the county on his side, but that may not be enough. San Diego insiders think Roache is ahead because of the "Duffy Factor." Stay tuned...

POLITICAL DAMAGE SEEN BY FERGUSON'S ACTION.

Even though the CA State Assembly soundly defeated Gil Ferguson's attempt to rewrite history about the reasons why Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were interned for most of WWII, several sources say that GOP political strategists are very concerned about the potential fallout from the lawmaker's ACR 181. Many GOP assemblymembers ABSTAINED from voting, including some of Ferguson's colleagues from conservative Orange County. The original vote was 4 YES and 60 AGAINST. But before the Assembly ended the year, freshman Curt Pringle (R-Garden Grove) switched from ABSTAIN to NO. Pringle is in a tight race with Demo Tom Umberg and Umberg hit Pringle rather quickly, hoping the large Asian community in the 72nd A.D. would take note. But perhaps the real issue is why GOP Assembly Leader Ross Johnson let Ferguson's ACR 181 get out of the Rules Committee and onto the Assembly Floor in the first place? CALPEEK sources say that when Ferguson brought this resolution to the Rules committee, several partisan Demos began drooling at the prospect of causing real trouble for the GOP in November. They may have succeeded...

CAMPAIGN 1990: FALL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Editor's note: Here is an update on some local races facing voters this fall:

- LAND OF THE GIANTS - The YES side of Measure G in Santa Clara County and five key cities to bring the S.F. baseball Giants south to the City of Santa Clara, will be managed by a team of consultants headed by San Jose based Roger Lee & Carol Beddo, Inc. Others on the YES on G team include pollsters Fairbank, Bregman & Mautlin; media specialist Trippi & Assoc.; and PRx of San Jose...

- THE BIG GAMBLE - Measure AA is now the official designation of a proposal to bring a POKER CLUB to the upscale City of West Hollywood, sandwiched between Beverly Hills and Hollywood in L.A. County. Bruce Decker is running the campaign and is AA's chief spokesperson. Reed & Davidson will handle YES on AA's legal affairs (lots of work). S.F. based Charlton Research will be in the field with a poll in the next few days. With the entire city council lined up against AA, Decker believes the NO side will attempt to create the impression that the entire West Hollywood establishment is opposed...

...The NO side of AA is being managed by Skelton, Grover & Associates, who probably have more campaign experience in West Hollywood than any other consultants. In the works is a mailer co-signed by bitter enemies Larry Gross, head of the renters' rights group C.E.S., and Grafton Tanquary, who is the chief spokesperson for landlord groups. They really hate each other, but on this issue they'll cooperate. Also lined up with the NO side is the Assn. of L.A. Deputy Sheriffs(ALADS)...

...Question: what happens if The Rev. Lou Sheldon of Orange County's Traditional Family Values Coalition shows up in West Hollywood to campaign against AA???

- ANIMAL FARM - Prop. C on San Diego County's ballot is an advisory measure that asks the question, "should the county continue to provide pound animals for medical research." About 22,000 pound animals are "put to sleep" each year. Another 325 are sold to various medical institutions in the area for research. The Community Coalition for Animal Research has hired Stoorza

Ziegaus & Metzger to run the YES side. San Diego-based Decision Research is doing the polling. Animal rights groups asked the board of supervisors to place this advisory measure on the November ballot...

FULL METAL JACKET: MORE GUN BILLS PASS.

Calif.'s very powerful GUN LOBBY (read that as the NRA and Gun Owners of CA) played a key role in winning last minute approvals for a number of gun bills. These proposed laws are now on Gov. George Deukmejian's desk awaiting signature or veto...

...AB 376 by Johan Klehs(D-San Leandro) bans the tri-burst trigger mechanism, which can almost turn a regular semi-automatic rifle into a machinegun. AB 700 is a bill to clean up AB 497 (the waiting period bill on rifles & shotguns). The co-authors are Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista) and Jeff Marston (R-San Diego). Another clean up bill which passed was SB 2480 by State Sen. Don Rogers (R-Bakersfield). This bill amends the Roos-
Roberti Assault Weapons Control Act of 1989 to permit gun manufacturers to sell automatic weapons to law enforcement agencies. The way the law was being interpreted, gun makers could have been charged with a felony...

...AB 1753 by Assemblyman Terry Friedman(D-L.A.) bans domestic violence offenders from buying guns. And SB 2050 by State Sen. Barry Keene(D-Vallejo) also won approval. This bill requires the Dept. of Mental Health to clean up their records and send them to the CA Dept. of Justice for background checks. The bill also overturns a court decision saying the DOJ isn't required to do background checks on persons who buy firearms. Stay tuned...

INITIATIVE MEASURE UPDATE: GOING FOR 1992.

The CA Secretary of State has given Mark F. Buckley of Placerville (916)622-3471 until Jan. 4, 1991, to collect 595,485 signatures for a proposed constitutional amendment called, "Tax and Spending Limits." The plan would require increases in homeowners' property tax exemptions to 40% of full value (up to a maximum of \$150,000) and a hike to 55% for seniors (up to \$200,000). The measure would also authorize local government to win a special tax increase by a 55% vote, instead of the 66% now required under Prop. 13...